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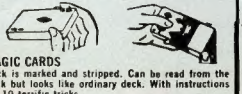

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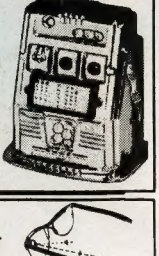

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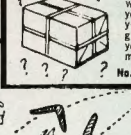

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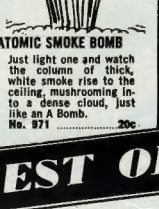

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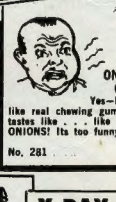

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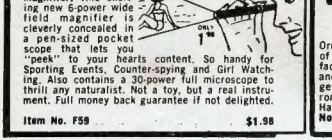

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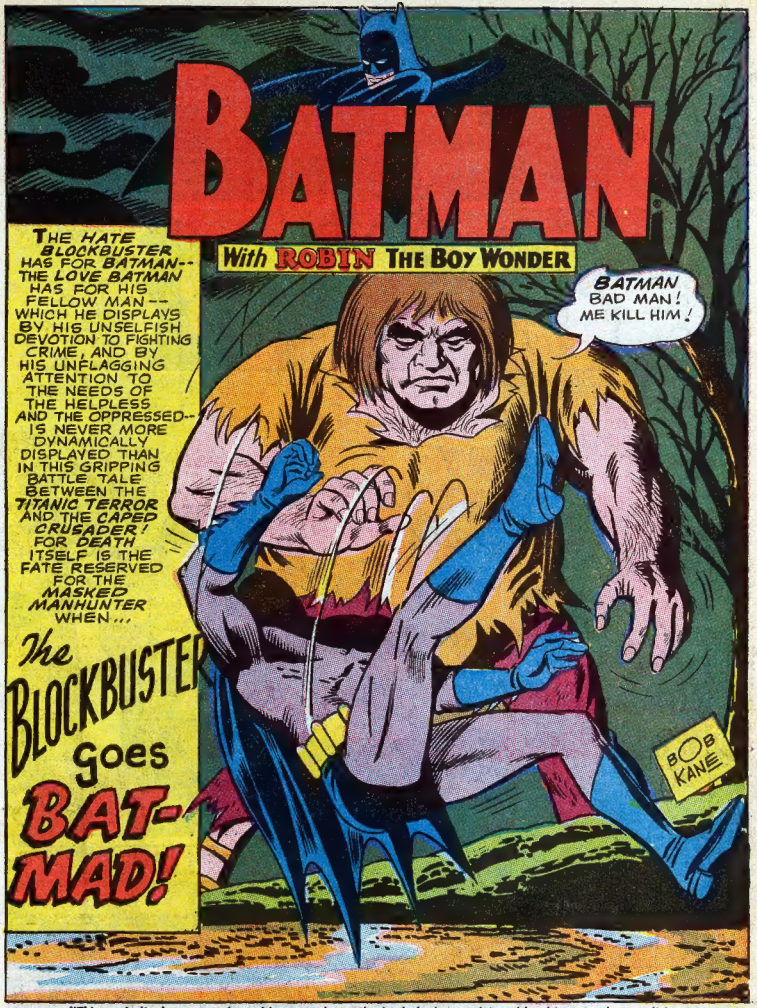
BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
THE HATE BLOCKBUSTER HAS FOR BATMAN--THE LOVE BATMAN HAS FOR HIS FELLOW MAN--WHICH HE DISPLAYS BY HIS UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO FIGHTING CRIME, AND BY HIS UNFLAGGING ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE HELPLESS AND THE OPPRESSED--IS NEVER MORE DYNAMICALLY DISPLAYED THAN IN THIS GRIPPING BATTLE TALE BETWEEN THE TITANIC TERROR AND THE CAPED CRUSADER! FOR DEATH ITSELF IS THE FATE RESERVED FOR THE MASKED MANHUNTER WHEN...
The BLOCKBUSTER Goes BAT-MAD!
BATMAN BAD MAN! ME KILL HIM!
BOB KANE

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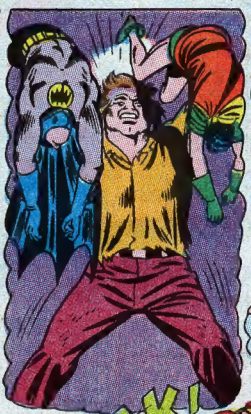
IN THE GREAT EDIFICE THAT IS THE WAYNE FOUNDATION OF GOTHAM CITY, A NEW MEMBER OF THE SCIENCE STAFF IS BEING INTRODUCED TO HIS FELLOW SCIENTISTS...
--AND PLEASE CALL ME MARGOT, DOCTOR!
THAT'S VERY GOOD OF YOU, DOCTOR RANKIN--MARGOT! I'VE READ YOUR BRILLIANT ARTICLES ON--GOOD GOSH!
IS HE FOR REAL? THAT FELLOW'S CARRYING TWO COMBUSTION ENGINES THAT MUST WEIGH OVER A TON!
NOBODY IS THAT STRONG!
MARK DESMOND IS! YOU MAY KNOW HIM BETTER AS THE BLOCKBUSTER!
EVER SINCE HIS TERRIFIC BRAWL WITH SOLOMON GRUNDY*...
*JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #47: "THE BRIDGE BETWEEN EARTHS!"
...HE HAS BEEN A DIFFERENT PERSON! FRIENDLY! HAPPY! HARMLESS! HE WORKS AS A HANDYMAN AROUND THE FOUNDATION WHILE WE WORK ON HIM...
OH, MARK--MEET DOCTOR SLOANE!
FRIEND! FRIEND!
SPEECHLESS WHEN HE CAME HERE, WE'VE TAUGHT HIM TO SAY A FEW WORDS, BUT HE STILL HAS THE MENTALITY OF A FOUR-YEAR OLD...
MMPPFFGG!
NEW FRIEND! ME BUY PRESENT!
TO SHOW HIS LOVE FOR PEOPLE NOW--INSTEAD OF HIS FORMER HATE--MARK BUYS THEM LITTLE GIFTS OUT OF HIS SALARY! PLEASE ACCEPT HIS GIFT WHEN HE HANDS IT TO YOU!
GULP! I WOULDN'T DARE REFUSE IT!
AND SO... LATER THAT SAME DAY WHEN HIS CHORES ARE DONE, MARK ENTERS A NEARBY DEPARTMENT STORE...
TOYS
SUDDENLY HE HALTS--AN ANGRY FROWN MARS HIS FACE...
GVAAA ???

CONFRONTING HIM IS A LIFE-SIZE PAPIER-MÂCHÉ FIGURE OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF CRIME-FIGHTERS--BATMAN! IN HIS CHILD'S MIND, THE REFORMED BLOCK-BUSTER SEES ONLY A FORMER--AND HATED--FOE...
NO FRIEND!
BATMAN

WHO IS BLOCKBUSTER? AS A FRAIL AND PUNY YOUTH, MARK DESMOND WAS SAVED FROM DEATH IN A QUICKSAND BOG BY BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE DURING A FEARFUL STORM*...

*DETECTIVE COMICS #345: "THE BLOCKBUSTER INVASION OF GOTHAM CITY!"

A YOUNG GENIUS, HE CONCOCTED A CHEMICAL SOLUTION WHICH CHANGED HIS BODY TO GIANT SIZE AND STRENGTH--BUT WHICH SIMULTANEOUSLY ROBBED HIM OF HIS MIND THROUGH A FAULTY ENDROCINE GLAND--AND TURNED HIM INTO THE SAVAGE **BLOCKBUSTER!**



AS A PAWN OF THE EVIL *OUTSIDER*, **BLOCKBUSTER** WAS ORDERED TO KILL **BATMAN***...

*DETECTIVE COMICS #349: "THE BLOCKBUSTER BREAKS LOOSE!"

UNTIL HE CAME TO BLUDGEONING BATTLE-BLOWS WITH THE MARSHLAND MONSTER **SOLOMON GRUNDY!** DURING THIS CRUNCHING CONFLICT, EACH MANAGED TO KNOCK THE **HATE** OUT OF EACH OTHER!

NOW--A DORMANT MEMORY EXPLODES INTO A FIERCE FLOOD OF HOT HATE AS...
GYAAA!!!
BATMAN--BAD MAN!
BATM
AS IF GONE BAT-MAD, MARK DESMOND LASHES OUT AT ANYTHING REPRESENTING THE CAPED CRUSADER...
BATMAN
TWO STORE GUARDS--THEIR FACES PINCHED AND WHITE WITH FEAR--COME ON THE RUN...
W-WE HAVE TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE WRECKS THE PLACE!
SURE--B-BUT HOW?
GYAAA?
CRUNCH
THE CHILDLIKE MIND OF THE TITANIC TERROR REACTS TO THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF THESE NEW FACES...
YOU NO BATMAN! YOU FRIEND!
YEAH--BUT FOR HOW LONG?
;WHEW! THAT'S A RELIEF! HE'S BACK TO HIMSELF AGAIN!
LIKE A TRUSTING BABE, HE PERMITS HIMSELF TO BE LED AWAY...
WE--WE BETTER TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE! LET THEM HANDLE THIS!
J-JUST IN CASE HE ACTS UP AGAIN!
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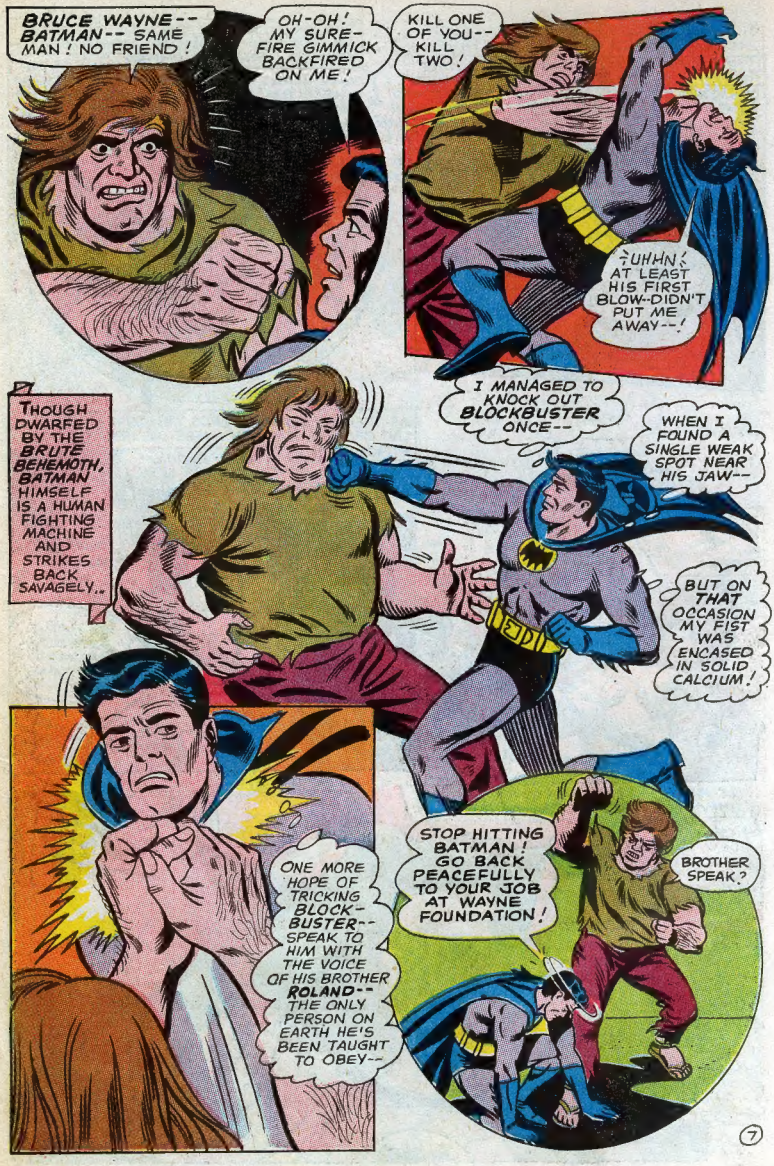
IN A SPECIAL INTERROGATION ROOM AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS SOON AFTERWARD, MARK IS QUESTIONED BY WAYNE FOUNDATION SCIENTISTS...
NEW HOME! ME LIKE!
I'D FEEL BETTER IF BRUCE WAYNE WERE HERE! HE'S A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MARK'S--BUT WHEN I CALLED WAYNE MANSION I WAS TOLD HE WAS OUT FOR THE EVENING!
WHAT UPSET YOU, MARK? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD BOY NOW...
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE SIGHT OF THE BATMAN FIGURE TOUCHED SOME CHORD OF MEMORY IN HIS MIND--
AS THAT HATED NAME RINGS IN HIS MIND LIKE A BELL CLANGING...
BATMAN--GYYAAA!!
OOPS! YOU SAID THE MAGIC WORD! IT SET HIM OFF AGAIN!
NEXT INSTANT...
HATE BATMAN!
FIND BATMAN!
KILL BATMAN!
EVEN AS THE LAST BRICK IN THE DEMOLISHED WALL THUDS TO THE SIDEWALK, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON IS ON THE "HOT" LINE...
BATMAN! BLOCK-BUSTER HAS BROKEN LOOSE AGAIN! HE'S OUT HUNTING FOR YOU!
A KILLER HUNT!
BY THE ONE FOE BATMAN HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BEAT!
WHAT CHANGED HIM INTO HIS OLD BLOCKBUSTER SELF? HE LIKED BATMAN AFTER HE AND SOLOMON GRUNDY KNOCKED THE HATE OUT OF EACH OTHER!
SOMETHING TRIGGERED THE CHANGE! BUT WHAT?

THE DYNAMIC DUO PAUSES FOR A QUICK BRIEFING AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
OUR MAN ON THE BEAT CALLED IN THAT MARK DESMOND STOPPED OFF AT THE WAYNE FOUNDATION--TO PICK UP HIS BLOCK-BUSTER CLOTHES!
HE SEEMS TO BE GOING BACKWARD FASTER AND FASTER! IF BLOCKBUSTER IS ON THE PROWL FOR BATMAN THE ONE PLACE HE MAY THINK TO FIND HIM IS IN THAT TOY SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT STORE!
LET'S GO, ROBIN!
TEN MINUTES LATER, THE GREAT DEDUCTIVE ABILITIES OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER ARE PROVED CORRECT...
THERE HE IS ALL RIGHT--HAVING A FIELD DAY WITH BATMAN MERCHANDISE!
I'LL GET THE GUARDS AWAY FROM HIM WHILE YOU TRY TO CALM HIM DOWN!
MIND IF I BUTT IN?
AS THE BOY WONDER HERDS THE STORE GUARDS OUT OF VIEW, BATMAN MAKES THE TRADITIONAL PEACE SIGN...
PEACE, BLOCK-BUSTER! WE'RE FRIENDS NOW, REMEMBER? NO MORE ENEMIES!
NO MORE FRIEND! BATMAN BAD MAN!
BATMAN'S NEXT MOVE--TO REVEAL THE UNMASKED FACE OF BRUCE WAYNE...
SEE--I AM YOUR FRIEND! BRUCE WAYNE--THE ONE WHO PULLED YOU OUT OF THE QUICKSAND BOG YEARS AGO!
ONCE AGAIN I'M FORCED TO REVEAL MY TRUE IDENTITY TO BLOCKBUSTER! ONLY--NOW THAT HE CAN TALK--I MAY BE SACRIFICING MY SECRET IDENTITY!
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN HANDLE HIM!


BRUCE WAYNE--BATMAN-- SAME MAN! NO FRIEND!
OH-OH! MY SURE-FIRE GIMMICK BACKFIRED ON ME!
KILL ONE OF YOU--KILL TWO!
UHHN! AT LEAST HIS FIRST BLOW--DIDN'T PUT ME AWAY--!
THOUGH DWARFED BY THE BRUTE BEHEMOTH, BATMAN HIMSELF IS A HUMAN FIGHTING MACHINE AND STRIKES BACK SAVAGELY..
I MANAGED TO KNOCK OUT BLOCKBUSTER ONCE--
WHEN I FOUND A SINGLE WEAK SPOT NEAR HIS JAW--
BUT ON THAT OCCASION MY FIST WAS ENCASED IN SOLID CALCIUM!
ONE MORE HOPE OF TRICKING BLOCK-BUSTER-- SPEAK TO HIM WITH THE VOICE OF HIS BROTHER ROLAND-- THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH HE'S BEEN TAUGHT TO OBEY--
STOP HITTING BATMAN! GO BACK PEACEFULLY TO YOUR JOB AT WAYNE FOUNDATION!
BROTHER SPEAK?

THE ANSWER OF THE TITANIC TERROR IS SIMPLE AND DIRECT...
YOU NO FOOL ME! YOU BATMAN! SPEAK BROTHER VOICE! YOU BAD!
ANOTHER IDEA GONE WRONG-- BUT IF I'M GOING TO LAST, I'D BETTER FIGHT BACK-- AT LEAST GO DOWN FIGHTING--
BROTHER BAD TOO! BROTHER MAKE ME STEAL!
BRACING HIMSELF WITH BOTH HANDS AGAINST THE WALL, BATMAN LASHES OUT WITH HIS FEET...
ROCKED HIM BACK ON HIS HEELS! THAT'S AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE!
OWGG!
EITHER BLOCK-BUSTER'S GETTING WEAKER-- OR I'M GETTING STRONGER!
BUT THE TITANIC TERROR HAS MERELY BEEN READYING A FINISHING BLOW OF HIS OWN-- AND HERE IT COMES!..

DOWN GOES BATMAN... IN COMES THE RETURNING ROBIN...
BATMAN! GET UP!
HE CAN'T-- HE'S OUT COLD!
YOU BIG CREEP! YOU'VE GOT ME SO FIGHTING MAD I CAN TAKE YOU NOW--
GYAAA!
MAN AND BOY LIE LIFELESS AS THE FLOOR SHAKES TO THE TREAD OF THE DEPARTING TITANIC TERROR..
ACROSS LAND AND WATER MOVES THE BLOCKBUSTER UNTIL AT LONG LAST HE STANDS ABOVE THE QUICKSAND BOG FROM WHICH BRUCE WAYNE RESCUED HIM AS A CHILD...
BATMAN! BRUCE WAYNE! WHERE YOU? ME GOING TO FALL IN! WILL DROWN THIS TIME!
WHY YOU NO HERE TO SAVE ME?

HIS SHOUT OF FRIGHT AND DESPAIR RINGS OUT ABOVE THE SWAYING TREETOPS OF THE DESOLATE ISLAND...
ME BACK IN SAND! HELP, BATMAN! HELLPP!
A SPLASH OF SHALLOW WATERS--AND BLOCKBUSTER RELIVES HIS PAST--THAT FATEFUL, DREADFUL MOMENT WHEN HE WAS ALONE IN THE WORLD AND SINKING INTO SOGGY SAND...
HURRY, BATMAN! HURRY, BRUCE WAYNE! ME SCARED! ME DIE HERE!
OFTEN IN THE PAST, IN THESE MOMENTS OF REGRESSION INTO HIS YOUTH, MARK DESMOND HAS COME TO THIS SAME SPOT, CRYING OUT HIS NEED AS HE RELIVES THE TRAUMATIC MOMENT OF FEAR AND HORROR! TONIGHT THAT FEAR HAS REACHED ITS CLIMAX...
YOU NO COME! YOU LET ME DIE!
HIS MOOD QUICK-SILVERS FROM FRIGHT TO RED, RAW RAGE! HIS FEATURES CONTORT WITH SAVAGE HATE! HE HOWLS IN FURY...
BATMAN, YOU LET ME DIE! GO FIND YOU! MAKE YOU DIE TOO!
IN GOTHAM CITY, TWO UNIFORMED FIGURES STIR, RISE UP...
OOOOH, I'VE NEVER BEEN HIT SO HARD!
WHERE'D THAT WALKING TANK DISAPPEAR TO?
TO ONE OF TWO PLACES! EITHER TO THE PRISON WHERE HIS BROTHER ROLAND IS, TO FREE HIM--OR BACK TO THE ISLAND WHERE HE USED TO LIVE!
YOU GO TO THE PRISON, ROBIN, AND ALERT THE AUTHORITIES OF POSSIBLE DANGER--WHILE I TAKE THE BAT-BOAT TO THE ISLAND...
BUT FIRST--THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST DO!
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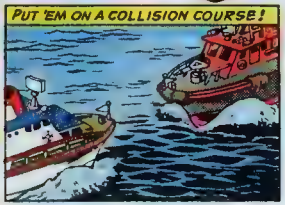

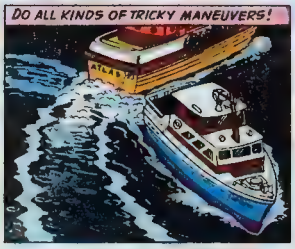

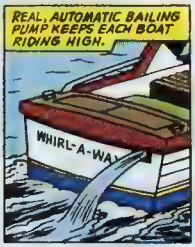

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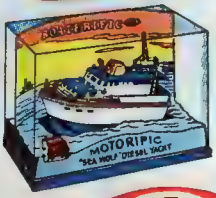

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BATMAN-- COME! BUT TOO LATE! HE DIE IN QUICKSAND--LIKE ME...
OUT OF THE GATHERING DUSK, TWO MASSIVE HANDS REACH AND CLUTCH...
YOU COME WITH ME! YOU DIE WITH ME!
HELD LIKE A BABY IN THAT AWESOME FINGER-GRIP, BATMAN IS CARRIED THROUGH THE ISLAND FOREST...
HE'S GOT HANDS LIKE STEEL VISES--- IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK HIS HOLD!
BUT I THINK I'VE DEDUCED WHY THE SIGHT OF BATMAN TRIGGERED OFF THE BLOCK-- BUSTER'S PERSONALITY OF MARK DESMOND, WITH ALL HIS HATE FOR BATMAN!
MARK LEFT WAYNE FOUNDATION AND CAME HERE ON HIS DAYS OFF: THE WET SAND THAT COVERS HIM NOW-- SHOWS HE RECENTY WAS IN THE QUICKSAND BOG FROM WHICH I RESCUED HIM AS BRUCE WAYNE! AND SO...
... HE CAME TO THIS POOL FROM TIME TO TIME TO RE-LIVE THOSE FEAR-FILLED MOMENTS WHEN HE WAS A YOUTH--CAUGHT IN THIS VERY QUICKSAND BOG--AFRAID HE WAS GOING TO DIE!
WHEN I FAILED TO RESCUE HIM AS I ONCE DID--HE CAME TO HATE BATMAN-BRUCE WAYNE ALL OVER AGAIN!

WITH A BELLOW OF PURE HATE, **BLOCKBUSTER** HURLS **BATMAN** INTO THE QUIVERY QUAGMIRE...

KEEP **BATMAN** HERE! NOW WHEN I DIE--HE **ALREADY** DEAD!

FOR LONG MOMENTS THE SOGGY SANDS HEAVE AND QUAKE. BUBBLES OF AIR RISE AND BREAK. THERE IS NO SIGN OF THE **MASKED MANHUNTER!** IS THIS--THE END OF **BATMAN?**

AND THEN--THE QUICKSAND JELLIES --SHAKES WILDLY-- AS SOMETHING PRESSES UPWARD...

BATMAN! ALIVE?!

HUH? YOU--**SOLOMON GRUNDY!** FRIEND! ONLY FRIEND!

YES! **BATMAN** HAS DISGUISED HIS FACE AS THAT SWAMPLAND SAVAGE WHO FOUGHT **BLOCKBUSTER** WHEN THEY KNOCKED THE HATE OUT OF EACH OTHER...

ME SAVE FRIEND!

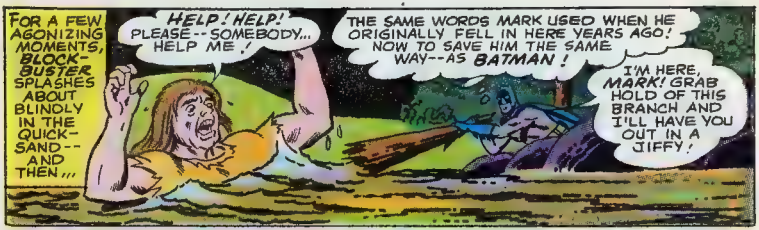
AFTER **BRUCE WAYNE** AND **ROLAND DESMOND** FAILED ME--IT STRUCK ME THAT THE ANSWER TO MY PROBLEM WAS TO CONFRONT **BLOCKBUSTER** WITH THE FACE OF HIS FRIEND, SOLOMON GRUNDY!

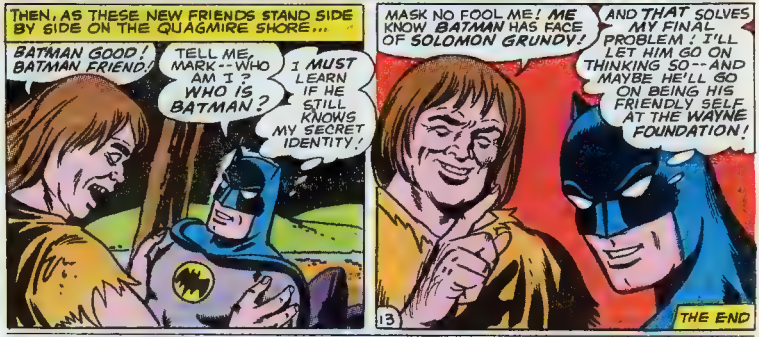
SUDDENLY...

IT WORKED--GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SETTLE **BLOCKBUSTER'S** PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

YAAAGH!

SORRY, PAL--BUT YOU'RE GOING BACK INTO THE QUICKSAND--THE WAY YOU FIRST DID AS **MARK DESMOND...**


FOR A FEW AGONIZING MOMENTS, BLOCK-BUSTER SPLASHES ABOUT BLINDLY IN THE QUICK-SAND--AND THEN,,,
HELP! HELP! PLEASE--SOMEBODY.. HELP ME!
THE SAME WORDS MARK USED WHEN HE ORIGINALLY FELL IN HERE YEARS AGO! NOW TO SAVE HIM THE SAME WAY--AS BATMAN!
I'M HERE, MARK! GRAB HOLD OF THIS BRANCH AND I'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A JIFFY!


THEN, AS THESE NEW FRIENDS STAND SIDE BY SIDE ON THE QUAGMIRE SHORE...
BATMAN GOOD! BATMAN FRIEND!
TELL ME, MARK--WHO AM I? WHO IS BATMAN?
I MUST LEARN IF HE STILL KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY!
MASK NO FOOL ME! ME KNOW BATMAN HAS FACE OF SOLOMON GRUNDY!
AND THAT SOLVES MY FINAL PROBLEM! I'LL LET HIM GO ON THINKING SO--AND MAYBE HE'LL GO ON BEING HIS FRIENDLY SELF AT THE WAYNE FOUNDATION!
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THE END

THE SUPER-GORILLA TIGHTENED HIS HOLD AROUND THE SUPER-SPEEDSTER--
AND SQUEEZED AND SQUEEZED AND SQUEEZED
UNTIL HE SQUEEZED HIS FLASHY FOE COMPLETELY OUT OF EXISTENCE!
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LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

Dear Editor:

"The Penguin Takes a Flyer—Into the Future" in *Batman* 190, made *Penguin* a better foe than ever before. Why? Because before his trick-umbrellas were no different than *Top's* tops, *Capt. Boomerang's* boomerangs, *Riddler's* puzzles, *ad infinitum*. But now *Penguin* has topped them all with these robot-umbrellas. All our "umbrella bird" (I'm surprised that one of your writers hasn't read of the *umbrella bird* and used it as a punny name for *Pengy*) has to do is sit back and press buttons! Unless the next *Riddler* or *Cluemaster* story is a masterpiece, I'd say the *Penguin* is my favorite *Batman*-foe. Don't do a thing to alter his personality! The way you portrayed him in "Flyer"—egotistical, snobbish (especially the way he acts so superior when puns are being made), in step with the latest scientific advances, and for once acting really evil, and not, as in years past, that he wouldn't kill a flea—is just the way I like him!

Now don't get the impression I thought the story was perfect. It had traces of campness in it, and you don't seem to be getting the idea that campness is on its way out. The only two good influences the *Batman-TV* show has had on your mag is that:

a) There at least seems to be something in the "New Look" utility belt besides the *batarang* and *batrope*. (Only the belt should be redesigned to look like it can hold all that stuff.)

b) The increase of super-villains, who, along with the smart normal crooks like Johnny Witts or the "Best Dressed Corpses" guy, are the only guys with any chance versus the *Caped Crusader*, who never gets hit by the two-bit thugs' bullets because they're too scared of him.

Let us first agree that criminals do not wear high silk hats in prison like *Penguin* does. Next let's agree that *batbrellas* are ridiculous for *Batman* to use. Leave umbrellas to the *Penguin*; besides, *Batman* could have found a more realistic flying apparatus. Speaking of ridiculous gadgets, don't let fans convince you that the *Penguin*-robot was ridiculous—it's getting so robots are the most believable science-fiction gadgets around.

I hope I haven't misinterpreted your statements but it seems to me that you think "if the readers want campness, let's give some to them—if we don't, we won't sell as many mags." Now, look. Your magazine will *not* drop in sales if you get rid of the *batbrellas*, the "holy—" ies, etc. If you think that your sales will be crippled without campness, remove the camp stuff from *Batman* and *Detective* and have those two mags for people like me; and for the Camp-ers, put *Batman* in another mag wherein he teams up with the *Inferior Five*, because to readers who won't read an "Uncamp Batman", he's just a bundle of laughs.

—Peter Sanderson, Jr., Boston, Mass.

(When we took our camp-line slant in *Batman*, we were going along with a trend. Many of our readers understood that—just as they understood that when camp went "out" our traditional type *Batman* stories would be "in". This issue's contents will show our forward-backward status!—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor:

Just a few words on "The Penguin Takes a Flier—Into the Future" in the March *Batman*. It was the most ridiculous, absurd, fantastic, and unrealistic story to appear in the three years of the *New Look*. (Oh, by the way, Happy Anniversary—and I use the term "happy" very loosely.) I hope this is the last I see of the *Master of Fowl Play*, the *Man of 1,000 Umbrellas*, the *Bumbershot Buccaneer*, the *Birdman Bandit*, the *Wicked Waddler* for a long, long, time.

I could barely survive the first half of the story, but then—forget it! Those *robotrellas* were the most idiotic things I've ever heard of. Then *Batman* and *Robin* had to get in the act with their *Batrellas*. If you ask me, I think someone hit ye editor with an umbrella, for he was *batty* to approve this story. I hope he recovers before the next issue.

—Gary Collins, New York, N.Y.

(Recovered in plenty of time—to print the follow-up, reverse-viewpoint letter!—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor:

Even though the *Penguin* isn't one of my personal favorites, I must admit that the story "The Penguin Takes a Flyer—Into the Future" featured in the March *Batman*, was very remarkable. What made this novel so enjoyable was the better than fantastic Bob Kane artwork. This surely was one of Bob's finest jobs in all the years he's done *Batman*.

The weapon umbrellas were very original and exciting, and this along with the *Penguin's* new angle of future gimmicks, made for one of the most interesting stories in the past half-year.

—Dave Truesdale, Morton, Ill.

Dear Editor:

At least the *Penguin* has taste! For once a crook objected to the rotten puns *Batman* and *Robin* so habitually make. Not that I advise against them; oh no, it's one of their trademarks—but tone them down a little. I find it hard to believe that anyone could fight brilliantly, overcome the *Penguin's* gimmicks, and still coin so much corn. The same applies to "holy" gags. If I wanted them, I'd watch the TV show. You've been successful for years in your own way. Don't start copycatting now.

—Donna Crowley, Inglewood, California.

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Dear Editor:

The third annual *"Batmania Ballot"* (for stories published in '66) results are hereby being presented to you as were the results of the first and second tabulations. I hope they are of interest to you, and that the additional comment of selected voters will be of some constructive value in shaping future stories.

"Death Knocks Three Times"—*Batman* 180, May, was a double award winner. It was selected as the Best Cover and Best Story of the year by the *Batmanians*. Second best cover was *Detective* 347 showing a vengeful, grieving *Robin* and a newspaper headlining *Batman's* death. "The Cluemaster's Topsy-Turvy Crimes" was runner-up as best story.

Best artist selection was virtually a draw, but Carmine Infantino edged out Bob Kane by two votes. John Broome won as top writer. The *Joker* was the *Bat-Fan* pick as a villain.

Overwhelming approval was given for more newspaper reprints in the *Batman Giants*, and fans want a full issue of such material.

Fan Comments: "A Batman that's camp . . . could never be champ!" This term aptly describes the no. 1 complaint. They are tired of the "Holy this 'n thats" and other TV orientated influences. Complaint no. 2: They don't like the split cover logos (*Detective* and *World's Finest*). Complaint no. 3: Less balloons and cover blurbs. Many feel that *Batman* has been overexposed with his guest appearances.

Continued success with your editorial pursuits, and may 1967 be as productive a year as was 1966.

—Billo White, Editor, Batmania, Columbus, Mo.

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ANOTHER "MYSTERY ANALYSTS of GOTHAM CITY" THRILLER!
BATMAN
FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, ARMCHAIR DETECTIVE MARTIN TELLMAN HAD BEEN COLLECTING INEXPENSIVE COPIES OF WORLD-FAMOUS PAINTINGS. THERE WAS A STRANGE MYSTERY CONNECTED WITH THOSE MASTER-PIECES--A MYSTERY WHICH SO COMPLETELY BAFFLED THE ACE DETECTIVE THAT HE CHALLENGED HIS FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS OF GOTHAM CITY TO SOLVE IT!
THE PROBLEM OF THE PROXY PAINTINGS!
DON'T SHOOT! YOU MIGHT HIT ME!
YEAH--BUT ON THE OTHER HAND I MIGHT GET BATMAN!
BOB KANE

AT THE HOME OF ARMCHAIR DETECTIVE MARTIN TELLMAN, A FOURSOME HAS GATHERED FOR ITS REGULAR MONTHLY BRIDGE SESSION! MILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST REGINALD STONEFELLOW AND HIS SON RONALD--AND FILLING IN FOR THE AILING ARCHITECT RANDOLPH ABBOT, ART SCHOLAR HAVERFORD MIMMS...
REGINALD, YOU KNOW HAVERFORD MIMMS, THE CELEBRATED ART EXPERT?
OF COURSE! HE HELPED ME CHOOSE MY FAMOUS ART COLLECTION!
PARTWAY THROUGH A RUBBER, "DUMMY" MIMMS WANDERS OFF INTO THE LIVING ROOM--AND RUSHES BACK...
MARTIN--I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE SO RICH!
ME? WHAT EVER GAVE YOU THAT IDEA?
AS THE ART EXPERT LEADS THE OTHERS INTO THE LIVING ROOM...
THIS IS A GENUINE MATISSE, WORTH ABOUT $50,000! AND ALONG SIDE IT AN ORIGINAL SEURAT--VALUED AT $100,000!
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, HAVERFORD! THOSE ARE ONLY COPIES OF ORIGINALS--COSTING LESS THAN $100 EACH!
WHEN IT COMES TO MYSTERIES, MARTIN, I BOW TO YOUR SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE! WHEN IT COMES TO ART, I AM NEVER WRONG! I ASSURE YOU THERE'S ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS OF ORIGINAL PAINTINGS HANGING HERE!
I C-CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT...
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, ANOTHER MEETING--THIS TIME OF THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS OF GOTHAM CITY...
AND FELLOW MYSTERY ANALYSTS, I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE COPIES OF MASTERPIECES I BOUGHT TURNED INTO THE REAL THING...

ONE AFTER ANOTHER EACH OF THE ANALYSTS THEORIZES...
MAYBE SOMEONE SMUGGLED THOSE PAINTINGS INTO THE COUNTRY...
...AND IS USING YOUR HOME AS A HIDE-OUT FOR THEM...
COULD YOUR WIFE HAVE SECRETLY BOUGHT THEM AS A GIFT?
MYSTERY NOVELIST, KAYE DAYE
CRIME REPORTER, ART SADDOWS
POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON
PERHAPS IT'S A FANTASTIC SERIES OF CLERICAL ERRORS! THE ORIGINALS WERE GIVEN TO YOU INSTEAD OF COPIES!
FOR ONCE, HAVERFORD MIMMS WAS MISTAKEN...
NO--NOT HAVERFORD MIMMS! THE ANSWER MUST LIE SOMEWHERE ELSE!
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, HUGH RANKIN...
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DANTON
CAPED CRUSADER BATMAN
INDEED IT DOES, BATMAN! I'VE ALREADY CHECKED OUT EVERY ONE OF YOUR THEORIES AND MORE! NONE OF THEM FITS! THE PAINTINGS' AUTHENTICITY IS BEYOND QUESTION! HOW THEY GOT THERE--AND WHY--ARE QUESTIONS INTRIGUING ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS!
MARTIN, I'M SURPRISED YOU LEFT AN UNGUARDED FORTUNE OF PAINTINGS IN YOUR HOME TO COME HERE TONIGHT!
THAT'S ONE THING I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT, HUSH! I'M SAFE-GUARDED BY MY OWN SPECIAL BURGLAR ALARM, CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS! SO WHAT'S OUR FIRST MOVE, ANALYSTS?
A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE ROOM WHERE THE PAINTINGS ARE HUNG! FRESH EYES MAY SPOT SOMETHING YOU MISSED!
COMMISSIONER GORDON, SUPPOSE YOU, KAYE, AND ART DRIVE ALONG WITH ME TO MARTY'S HOUSE? THE REST OF YOU PICK UP REGINALD STONEFELLOW AND SON AND BRING THEM TO MARTY'S...
WHY DO YOU WANT THEM? THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING...
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I WANT TO SEE THEM! BECAUSE--REGINALD--DOESN'T--KNOW--ANYTHING!

AS AN ART COLLECTOR, REGINALD STONEFELLOW IS AN ART EXPERT IN HIS OWN RIGHT--AND CAN CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE A GENUINE PAINTING WHEN HE SEES ONE! FOR TEN YEARS NOW HE'S BEEN PLAYING BRIDGE AT MARTIN TELLMAN'S HOUSE--

SO WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS...

WHY DIDN'T REGINALD STONEFELLOW SPOT THOSE PAINTINGS AS ORIGINALS? IN ALL THOSE YEARS HE MUST HAVE RECOGNIZED AT LEAST ONE OF THEM AS GENUINE!

I GO ALONG WITH THAT!

BATMAN, YOU PUT ME TO SHAME! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

HALF AN HOUR LATER, AS THE ANALYST FOURSOME DRIVES UP TO THE COUNTRY HOME OF MARTIN TELLMAN...

FOLKS--STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T GET OUT OF YOUR CAR! SOMETHING'S WRONG IN MARTY'S HOUSE!

BATMAN--HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY KNOW THAT? OHHH--WAIT!

THAT SPECIAL MAILBOX CONCEALS MARTIN'S BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM--!

WHEN THE GNOME'S ARM IS UP, IT MEANS HIS BURGLAR ALARM HAS BEEN SET!

BUT IT'S DOWN--MEANING SOMEONE SHUT IT OFF!

DO YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE BATMAN A HAND?

WE'D ONLY BE IN HIS WAY! BESIDES, I'M A LITTLE TOO OLD FOR CROOK-FIGHTING!

THE ONLY GOOD FIGHTS I CAN HANDLE ARE IN MY NOVELS!

AS THE CAPED CRUSADER STEALTHILY MOVES UP TO THE HOUSE,...

THOSE FRENCH DOORS LEADING OUT ONTO THE PATIO--SLIGHTLY AJAR! MARTIN WOULD HAVE LEFT THEM LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE! THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE...

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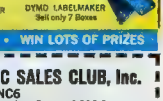
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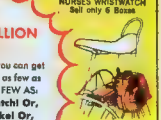
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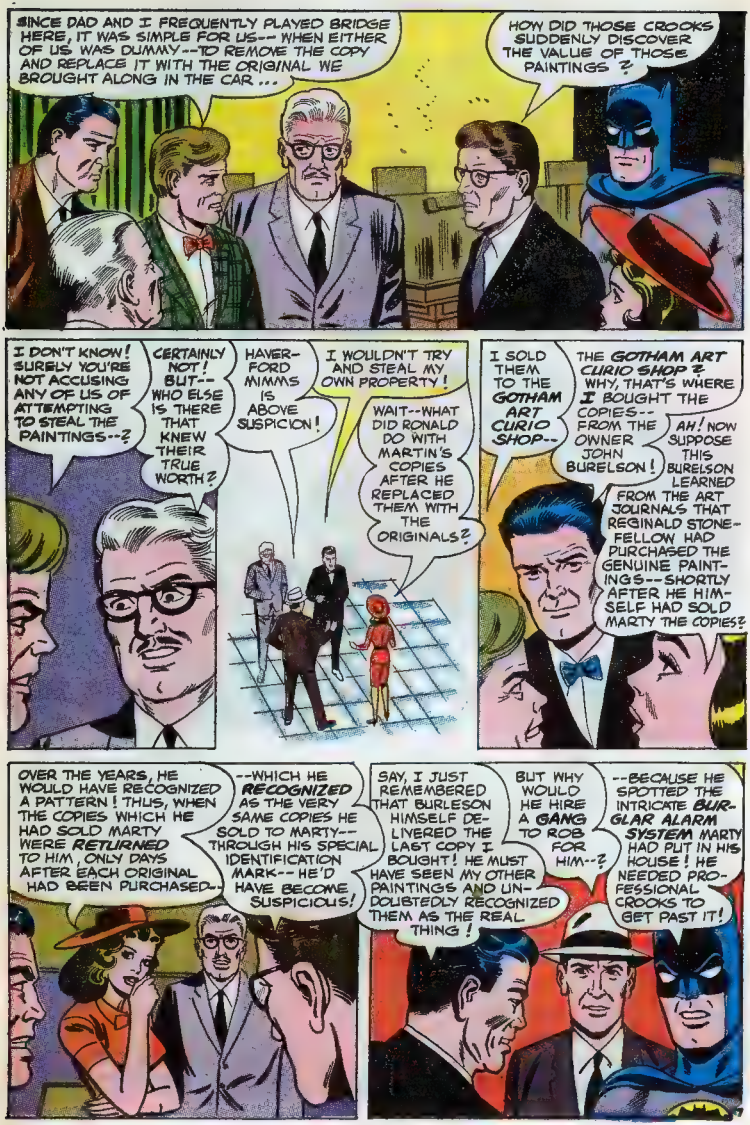
HUH? IT'S--BATMAN!
HOW DOES HE DO IT?
HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY HAVE KNOWN--?
SWOTT!!
IT'S TOO LATE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW!
BESIDES--I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEM--
--HOW DID THESE CROOKS KNOW THE PAINTINGS WERE GENUINE--SO SOON AFTER TELLMAN HIMSELF FOUND OUT?
HERE'S MY CHANCE--WHILE BATMAN'S BACK IS TURNED!

HEARING A FAINT--BUT TELLTALE SOUND--BATMAN PULLS A METAL PLAQUE OFF THE WALL AND...
YOUR REVOLVER HAMMER CLICKED WHEN YOU COCKED IT!
BLAMM!
KA-ANG!!
A LEAP--A FIST THAT LANDS LIKE A LIVING HAMMER...
WHUMMP!
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF THE LAST BEHIND-THE-BACK ATTACK FOR TONIGHT!
ZWUNK!
LATER, AFTER THE SUMMONED POLICE HAVE COME AND GONE, REGINALD AND RONALD STONEFELLOW ARRIVE WITH THE OTHER ANALYSTS...
MARTY TELLS ME YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY I DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT THE TRUE VALUE OF THOSE PAINTINGS! THE ANSWER IS--BECAUSE I GAVE THEM TO HIM!
YOU--YOU, REGINALD?! BUT WHATEVER FOR?
REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAVED MY SON'S LIFE, MARTY--A LITTLE OVER TEN YEARS AGO? I WANTED TO REWARD YOU--
--BUT YOU ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY REWARD! HOWEVER, I'M A MAN WHO DOESN'T LIKE TO BE INDEBTED TO ANYONE! WHEN I SAW WHAT COPIES OF PAINTINGS YOU BOUGHT FROM TIME TO TIME, I WENT OUT AND PURCHASED THEIR ORIGINALS!


SINCE DAD AND I FREQUENTLY PLAYED BRIDGE HERE, IT WAS SIMPLE FOR US-- WHEN EITHER OF US WAS DUMMY--TO REMOVE THE COPY AND REPLACE IT WITH THE ORIGINAL WE BROUGHT ALONG IN THE CAR ...
HOW DID THOSE CROOKS SUDDENLY DISCOVER THE VALUE OF THOSE PAINTINGS ?
I DON'T KNOW! SURELY YOU'RE NOT ACCUSING ANY OF US OF ATTEMPTING TO STEAL THE PAINTINGS--?
CERTAINLY NOT! BUT--WHO ELSE IS THERE THAT KNEW THEIR TRUE WORTH?
HAVERFORD MIMMS IS ABOVE SUSPICION!
I WOULDN'T TRY AND STEAL MY OWN PROPERTY!
WAIT--WHAT DID RONALD DO WITH MARTIN'S COPIES AFTER HE REPLACED THEM WITH THE ORIGINALS?
I SOLD THEM TO THE GOTHAM ART CURIO SHOP--
THE GOTHAM ART CURIO SHOP ? WHY, THAT'S WHERE I BOUGHT THE COPIES--FROM THE OWNER JOHN BURELSON!
AH! NOW SUPPOSE THIS BURELSON LEARNED FROM THE ART JOURNALS THAT REGINALD STONEFELLOW HAD PURCHASED THE GENUINE PAINTINGS--SHORTLY AFTER HE HIMSELF HAD SOLD MARTY THE COPIES?
OVER THE YEARS, HE WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED A PATTERN! THUS, WHEN THE COPIES WHICH HE HAD SOLD MARTY WERE RETURNED TO HIM, ONLY DAYS AFTER EACH ORIGINAL HAD BEEN PURCHASED--
--WHICH HE RECOGNIZED AS THE VERY SAME COPIES HE SOLD TO MARTY--THROUGH HIS SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION MARK--HE'D HAVE BECOME SUSPICIOUS!
SAY, I JUST REMEMBERED THAT BURLESON HIMSELF DELIVERED THE LAST COPY I BOUGHT! HE MUST HAVE SEEN MY OTHER PAINTINGS AND UNDOUBTEDLY RECOGNIZED THEM AS THE REAL THING!
BUT WHY WOULD HE HIRE A GANG TO ROB FOR HIM--?
--BECAUSE HE SPOTTED THE INTRICATE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM MARTY HAD PUT IN HIS HOUSE! HE NEEDED PROFESSIONAL CROOKS TO GET PAST IT!

SO FAR SO GOOD! BUT WE CAN'T PROVE ANY OF THIS--- NO MATTER HOW LOGICAL A DEDUCTION IT IS!
RIGHT! THEREFORE--IN ORDER TO APPREHEND THE GUILTY MR. BURELSON--WE'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM THE ORIGINAL PAINTINGS!
BATMAN! YOU MUST BE JOKING!
I'M VERY SERIOUS, COMMISSIONER! MARTY, HUGH AND I WILL DELIVER THOSE PAINTINGS--DISGUISED AS THE THREE ROBBERS I CAUGHT HERE!
I GET IT! WE'LL MAKE BURELSON BETRAY HIMSELF!
BUT, BATMAN--HOW CAN WE KNOW WHERE THOSE CROOKS WERE GOING TO DELIVER THE STOLEN PICTURES TO BURELSON?
WE CAN'T--BUT WE CAN CHANGE THE PLACE AND TIME OF DELIVERY! LISTEN--AS I PHONE THE ART SHOP OWNER IN THE VOICE OF ONE OF THOSE CROOKS...
BURELSON? WE GOT TH' PAINTIN'S! MEET US AT FOUNDATION PARK--AT MIDNIGHT! NEVER MIND WHAT WE AGREED ON! YA DO IT OUR WAY--OR YA DON'T GET TH' PAINTIN'S! UNNERSTAND?
IN THE NEARBY POLICE STATION, SOON AFTERWARD...
YUH WON'T GET AWAY PASSIN' YERSELVES OFF TA LOOK LIKE US!
YEAH--YUH'RE GONNA BLOW IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

AS THE CLOCK TOWER IN FOUNDATION PARK CHIMES THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT...
WE'LL PUT THE SACK DOWN HERE--AND STAY FIFTEEN FEET FROM IT--JUST IN CASE!
WHEN BATMAN SAYS "JUST IN CASE", HE'S GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL FIGURED OUT!
THROUGH THE MOON-CAST SHADOWS COMES JOHN BURELSON...
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I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE--BUT YOU'RE NOT THE THREE HOODS I HIRED TO STEAL THESE PICTURES!
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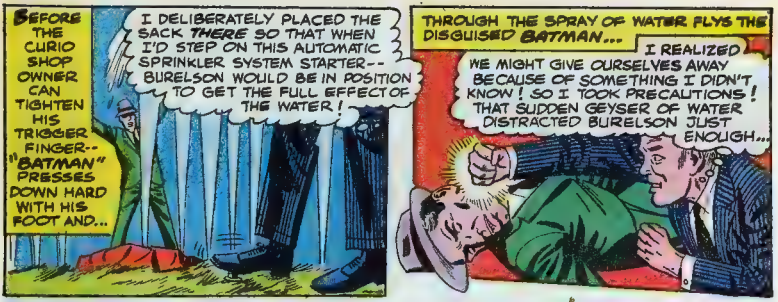
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I DELIBERATELY PLACED THE SACK THERE SO THAT WHEN I'D STEP ON THIS AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM STARTER--BURELSON WOULD BE IN POSITION TO GET THE FULL EFFECT OF THE WATER!
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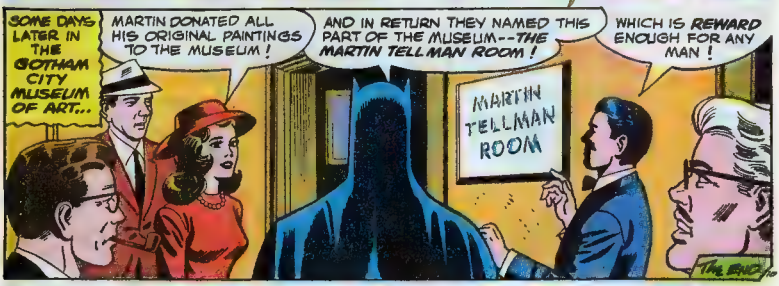
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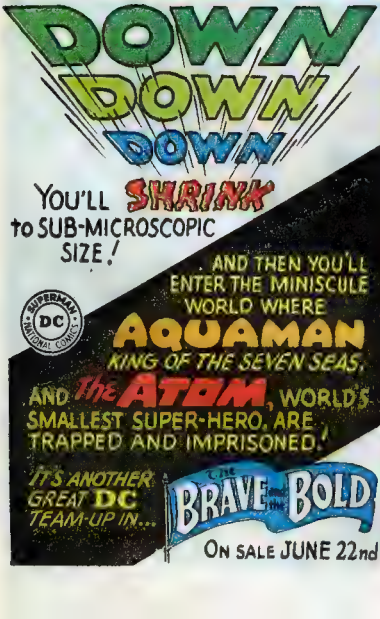
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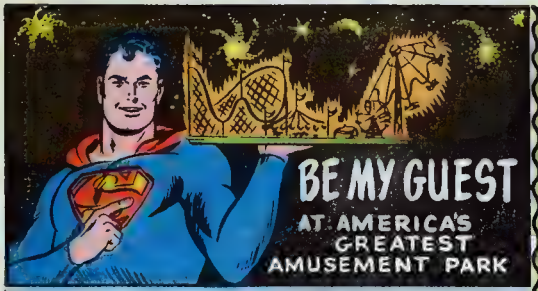

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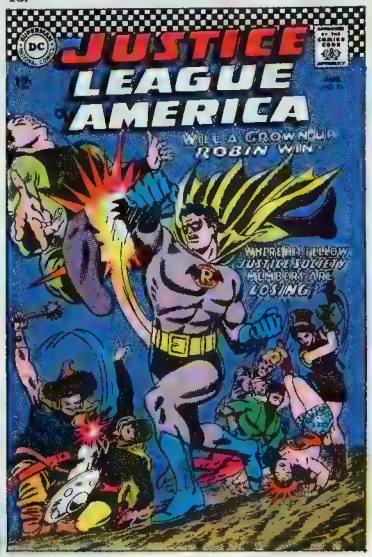

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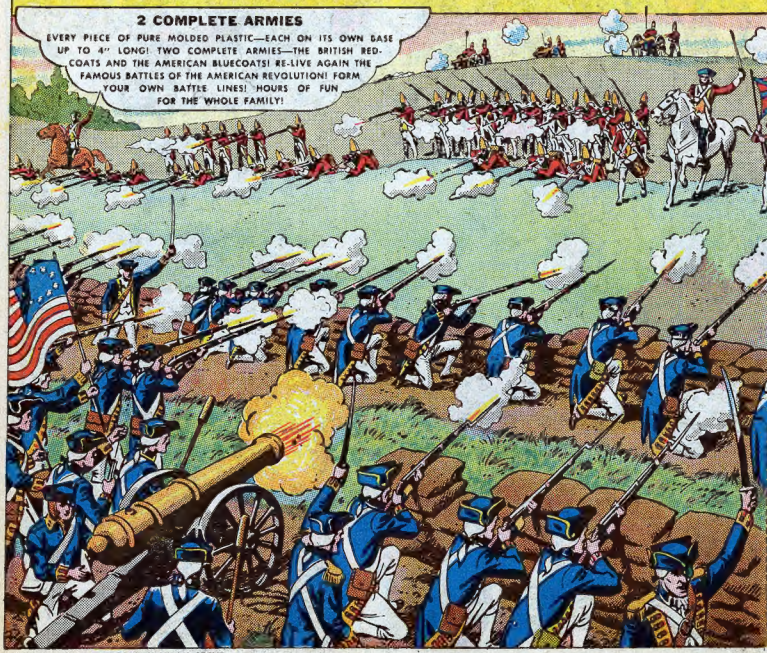

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